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**2010 RIVERSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD CONFERENCE
*SEIZING OUR DESTINY - ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME***

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside and the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership have joined together to host the 2010 Riverside Neighborhood Conference on Saturday, June 5 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at California Baptist University (CBU).

This year's Riverside Neighborhood Conference is all about Riverside's greatest resource: its residents! The day's festivities include a welcome from Mayor Ron Loveridge, a special presenter, and the presentation of the Annual Neighborhood Awards: The Neighborhood Spirit Awards and Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Award, and door prizes. Breakfast and lunch will be available for purchase at the low cost of \$5.00 per meal and gives you access to the all-you-can-eat CBU dining commons.

The theme for the conference this year is "Seizing Our Destiny: One Neighborhood at a Time" and the goal is to build leadership capacity in Riverside's unique neighborhoods and to engage residents in building partnerships with each other as well as the City.

This year the conference features exciting new sessions linked to the City's "Seizing Our Destiny" strategic vision and will host over 35 exhibit booths provided by city departments and community organizations. Attendees of the conference will have a chance to attend workshops on civic leadership, neighborhood involvement in problem-solving and working with government to improve quality of life. Other workshops topics include creating a walkable community, building community gardens and taming traffic troubles. The Mayor, our resident local government expert, will be leading a workshop called "City Hall 2010".

Pre-registration for the conference is due by May 25; however, walk-in registrations on the day of the event are welcome. Residents can register online at www.riversideca.gov/neighborhoods. The conference attendance and workshops are FREE to all Riverside residents. Due to budget constraints this year, there will not be any child care provided at the conference.

For conference questions, email neighbor@riversideca.gov or call 951-826-2390.

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